

Lineage and Honors History
of the
44 Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron (ACC)

Lineage. Constituted 44 Transport Squadron on 30 May 1942. Activated on 15 Jun 1942. Redesignated 44 Troop Carrier Squadron on 4 Jul 1942. Inactivated on 25 Mar 1946. Consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with the 44 Air Refueling Squadron, Medium, which was constituted on 13 Feb 1953. Activated on 20 Apr 1953. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 15 Dec 1964. Redesignated: 44 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy on 19 Sep 1985; 44 Air Refueling Squadron on 9 Sep 1994. Redesignated 44 Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, and converted to provisional status, on 25 Jan 2002.

Assignments. 316 Transport (later, 316 Troop Carrier) Group, 15 Jun 1942; I Troop Carrier Command, May 1945; VI Air Service Area Command, attached 3 Aug 1945-25 Mar 1946. 44 Bombardment Wing, 20 Apr 1953; 4045 Air Refueling Wing, 1 Jun 1960; 500 Air Refueling Wing, 1 Jan 1963-15 Dec 1964. Air Combat Command to activate or inactivate at any time after 25 Jan 2002.

Stations. Patterson Field, OH, 15 Jun 1942; Bowman Field, KY, 16 Jun 1942; Lawson Field, GA, 9 Aug 1942; Del Valle, TX, 29 Sep-10 Nov 1942; Egypt, 25 Nov 1942; Nouvion, Algeria, 10 May 1943; Guercif, French Morocco, 28 May 1943; Enfidaville, Tunisia, 24 Jun 1943; Mazara, Sicily, 1 Sep 1943; Borizzo, Sicily, 18 Oct 1943-16 Feb 1944; Cottesmore, England, Feb 1944-May 1945; Pope Field, NC, May 1945; Baer Field, IN, 20 Jun-15 Jul 1945; Bellows Field, TH, 3 Aug 1945; Wheeler Field, TH, 29 Sep 1945-25 Mar 1946. Lake Charles (later Chennault) AFB, LA, 20 Apr 1953 (deployed at Sidi Slimane, French Morocco, 12 Apr-22 Jun 1954; Goose AB, Labrador, 21 Feb-7 Apr

and 28 Oct-28 Dec 1955; 28 Jun-29 Aug 1956); Selfridge AFB, MI, 1 Jun 1960-15 Dec 1964.

Commanders. Lt Col Buron R. Fleet, Jun 1942; Lt Col Benjamin F. Kendig, Aug 1943; unkn, Apr 1945-25 Mar 1946. 1st Lt Kenneth W. Halgren, 20 Apr 1953; Lt Col William K. Brooks, Jun 1953; Maj Edward O. Martin, Jul 1954; Lt Col William M. Shewbart, 6 Sep 1955; Lt Col Ralph O. Sensenbrenner, by Jun 1956; Lt Col Ira D. Hassler, 8 May 1957; Lt Col Paul Handy, 1 Jul 1958; Maj Arthur P. Bertanzetti, 10 Jun 1959; Lt Col Wayne B. Tweten, Feb 1962; Lt Col Howard M. Dallman, Jul 1963; Lt Col Robert B. Burns, by Sep 1964; Maj Walter C. Kohlman Jr., by Nov-15 Dec 1964.

Aircraft. C-47, 1942-1945; C-46, 1945-1946. KC-97, 1953-1964.

Operations. Included airborne assaults on Sicily, Normandy, Holland, and Germany, and aerial transportation in MTO and ETO, during World War II. Conducted aerial refueling operations, 1953-1964.

Service Streamers. World War II Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Campaign Streamers. *World War II:* Egypt-Libya; Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Sicily, 25 Nov 1942-25 Aug 1943; Sicily, 11 Jul 1943; France, [6-7] Jun 1944.

Lineage, Assignments, Components, Stations, and Honors through 25 Jan 2002.

Commanders, Aircraft, and Operations through 15 Dec 1964.

Supersedes statement prepared on 18 Mar 1997.

Emblem. Approved on 27 Jul 1956.

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